

HOME, ITS PROBLEMS AND INTERESTS



HALLOWEEN PHANTOM ENTERTAINMENT

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Less than a fortnight—or a few days more—will bring Halloween, with all its fun and frolic for the young folks. For the Halloween entertainers there seems truly "no new thing under the sun." Apparently every idea worth while has been tried many times, and there remains nothing but the working over of the best of the old.

The near approach of the evening brings to mind a plan tried several years ago by a group of young women, and found of full weight in the matter of fun. The young women represented a group who had formed a society "set" of their own. The young men of the party represented the same class of friends, and the plans for the evening, therefore, could be made according to this basis of good comradeship—the only kind of a company to gather together for such a celebration as Halloween.

The invitations were issued by the young women, and were written on black cardstock with white ink—a summons bidding the young men to appear at the home of one of the young women at a certain hour. In the left-hand corner of the card skull and crossbones were pasted, and these gave the air of mystery supposed to be abroad on the night of Hallowe'en.

The young women were asked to appear more than an hour earlier than the time set for the coming of the young men, and further, it was demanded of them that they come prepared to don sheet and pillow case masks, for a "host party." (This portion of the entertainment was supposed to have been kept a secret from the young men, but the secret leaked out, and the young men, not to be outdone, came at the appointed hour in full mask, also, and fearful and wonderful masks as well. This made matters even more complex than had been planned originally, for while the first intention on the part of the young women had been to mystify

young men, through masking, they had not reckoned upon being mystified in return.)
The plans for the evening were unique. Carrying out the ghostly idea emphasized by the sheets and pillow cases, in which the young women were attired, it had been arranged that the whole affair should be "white." The home of every young woman in the group had been raided and called upon for donations, with the result that white rugs covered the dark carpets, white bedspreads took the place of portieres, white bits of silk drapery covered the bric-a-brac, and wicker furniture replaced the regular furnishings of the home. Instead of lemonade or punch, milk was served in an old water set, of which both pitcher and glasses were of a peculiar white glazed ware.

After the arrival of the young men, and guesses as to the identity were rife on both sides, the dancing began. In this, also, a stroke of genius in the appreciation of novelty had been shown by the young women. Two of the blackest negro musicians to be found in the city had been engaged to play for the dance, and served as the only "dark spots" in the white surroundings.

The early portion of the evening had been spent in an effort to peer behind the masks—figuratively—and discover the maskers. Masks, too, are uncomfortable things to wear even when the wearing of them means fun, and the dance was made comparatively short. When this program was nearing its end, the door of the parlors opened, and a witch appeared. The young women in their ghostly robes were summoned to an adjoining room, and the young men

were left alone. The meaning of this was not explained, not even when the witch appeared again with a small box, which was placed in the room where the young men had gathered. Presently, however, the witch reappeared leading by the hand one of the imprisoned young women. The sheeted figure was placed on the box, and the witch began a recital of her good points. It was explained that the young man who offered the highest bid would, in this manner, purchase his partner for the supper, which was to follow. A clever witch can make this part of the evening very interesting and filled with fun, for few young men will refuse to enter heartily into a plan of the kind—it embodies too much of the game of chance, in which most of them find delight. As the highest bid was reached, the "purchaser" led his "purchase" from the auction stool and another ghostly figure was brought in for sale.

At this particular entertainment most of the young women of the party were of medium height, and slender, and this, added to the difficulty in rightly guessing their identity, individually.
In the dining room, of course, everything was in white, likewise. A light luncheon was served—cottage cheese and plain bread and butter sandwiches, celery, instead of olives, chicken salad—a Waldorf salad could be used also—white cake, ice cream, and marshmallows for bonbons.
The evening closed with songs, fortune telling, and stories told beneath the lights of the pumpkin lanterns, without which no Halloween party ever is complete.

This idea is good, because it not only will appeal to the private hostess, but for a club or church society wanting to make a bit of money in a neat and entertaining way, it is of value. The young women could be asked to furnish the luncheon, and the young men should pay actual coin for their partners for the evening. A good little sum might be secured in this manner, and the fun for the young folks could be thrown in for good measure.

EVENING COATS

Smart Models Are Light in Effect, But Will Stand Wear in Street Cars.

It is all very well for fashion's oracles to talk of the party and opera wraps that one must have to go through the season, but the truth of the matter is that most women have all they can do to manage a serviceable wrap that shall look presentable in the evening over a light silk gown and still be suitable to wear in street cars. For, alas! women who ride in carriages, even hansom, are the exception, and it is no small problem to evolve a cloak that shall be warm and smart looking, yet shall not be ruined by wearing in snow or rain.

Some of the new coats this season are unusually well adapted to just such a purpose, and are suitable also to use during the day. They may be worn over a light gown for calling, and left in the hall while one is in the reception room.

Broad and ladies' cloth and heavy mixed goods, warm, yet soft and light, are the best for these garments, and that they shall look more dressy than hackabouts it is well that the color chosen shall be light. White or light gray are impracticable for persons traveling much in street cars, but of the best is tan, and the russet browns are charming. The lining may be as light in color as one wishes, greatly increasing the effect when the garment is open and thrown back. Velvet and fancy buttons make desirable trimmings, and if one wishes to go in elaborately, embroidery, of course, are beautiful. If economy, however, is a factor, they should be left out.

Empire effects are to reign among all long garments, and so many of the coats are built on short waisted lines. This is particularly pretty for evening, as the skirt shows beneath charmingly, and is not crushed as with a tight coat. Such a garment should be double-breasted, fastening with large buttons and buttonholes. Pippings of velvet may be introduced if desired, and in this case should be a darker shade of the same color as the cloth.

One of the best models for a coat that is to do duty in the evening is one which falls in a simple, full front, the shoulders, with a tight-fitting waistcoat of velvet. This is not only pretty, but has the added merit of being warmer. Then when the wearer stands the fullness hangs in straight folds, showing the waistcoat, that is double-breasted, and the dress of the mantle, the fullness of the mantle is such that it can be pulled over the front to protect the skirt from weather. The arms are given an outlet by washing the mantle, the holes being finished with some sort of flat trimming. In a russet brown cloak the waistcoat should be of light bronze, the arm places trimmed with the same. Applying the latter with fine gold braid would be pretty and not beyond the powers of an average tailor.

Woman's Mission.

Though she may not in the battle
Bravely lead men to the fight—
Though she may not wield the saber
For the right against the might;
She can hover near the bedside
Where the wounded soldier lies—
She can cheer his dying moments,
Watch beside him till he dies.

Though she may not guide the voyage
Of the stanch old ship
Steer it from the rocks and breakers
Where its foes in ambush wait;
She may wield a mightier influence
Over those who sail the sea;
She may be the silent power
That shall nerve the statesman's hand.

Though she may not, in the councils
Of the nation, raise her voice—
Though she may not, by their ballots,
Be proclaimed the people's choice—
She can teach the little children
To be brave and firm and true,
True to man, to God, and country;
More than this no man can do.

Though she may not, from the pulpit,
Speak the words of truth and love,
Warning men of death and judgment,
Pointing them to God above,
She can speak to some poor sinner—
Tell him Christ for him was given—
She may, by some kind word spoken,
Win a soul for God and heaven.

In the battle, in the pulpit,
In the councils of the land,
On Fame's high and dizzy summit,
Woman's form may never stand;
But more holy in her mission—
Nobler work that God has given!
Hers to lift with hands so tender,
Our poor world up nearer heaven.

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CHARMING WALKING HAT.

A simple but effective walking hat is smoke gray felt, with wide brim rolled sharply on each side, the left side held in place by two large black wings and loops of black velvet ribbon.



WHAT JOY THEY BRING TO EVERY HOME

as with joyous hearts and smiling faces they romp and play—when in health—and how conducive to health the games in which they indulge, the outdoor life they enjoy, the cleanly, regular habits they should be taught to form and the wholesome diet of which they should partake. How tenderly their health should be preserved, not by constant medication, but by careful avoidance of every medicine of an injurious or objectionable nature, and if at any time a remedial agent is required, to assist nature, only those of known excellence should be used; remedies which are pure and wholesome and truly beneficial in effect, like the pleasant laxative remedy, Syrup of Figs, manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. Syrup of Figs has come into general favor in many millions of well informed families, whose estimate of its quality and excellence is based upon personal knowledge and use.

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EFFECTIVE DESIGN UPON EMPIRE LINES.

Models that repeat some of the many Empire designs are among the most satisfactory of the season. Combining as they do the charm of novelty with a certain amount of practicability, and the ease with which they are fitted as well, it is no wonder that they have met with an enthusiastic acceptance on all sides. The model is one in a pale shade of French gray broadcloth, with unclipped beaver at collar and cuff, and a handsome braid defining the body part. The skirts are circular in cut, with inverted pleats at the center of the back, the sides describing a graceful outward flare that is especially smart and becoming. The sleeve is full at the top, pleated to the arm size, and tapering to a reasonably close fit below the elbow. The full cuff is of the roll-over variety.



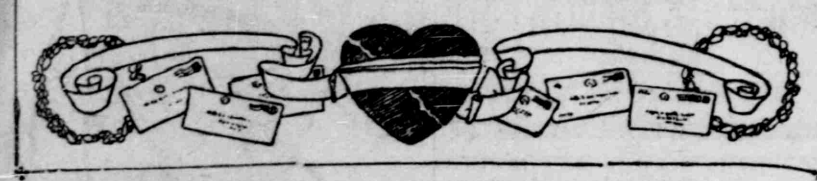
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I have just picked up a novel and began to read it, but I dropped it in disgust. Nothing is so flat now as a love story that does not portray a tenth part the love that I feel. The great masters of love literature are no longer wonderful to me. They paint happiness, but I feel it; they imagine love, but I live it. They are groping in the dark for the thing which God has given you and me to possess. Everything is going well with me, but I do want to give up all and fly to you.

I sometimes wonder if succeeding as a teacher or a stenographer means that I am not fitted for the higher position as that of your wife. Phenologists and fatalists tell us we are born for some particular sphere and can never be successful in any other. President Eliot did not succeed as a cotton-spinner—there was something better in store for him; Phillips Brooks did not succeed as a school teacher—he had a holier mission; George Washington did not succeed in getting his commission as an officer in the British army, and it nearly broke his heart, but a greater glory awaited him. I have succeeded as a teacher and a stenographer, but shall still fight for something better. I may succeed for a time in some other sphere, but I know my place is with you. I wish some one could put me to a test and find out just what I was born to be. You have heard of the wise old deacon who wanted to ascertain what his son was intended for, so he left him alone in a room with nothing but a Bible, an apple, and a silver dollar. He thought when he returned if the boy was reading the Bible he would make a minister of him; if he was playing with the silver dollar, he would make a merchant of him; if he was playing with the apple, he would make a farmer of him. But to the deacon's sorrow, when he returned, he found young hopeful with the Bible on the floor sitting on it, and savagely grasping the apple in one hand and the dollar in the other. The deacon concluded that his son was a glutton, and he must make a politician of him.

I suppose there is a place in this world for me, and I do wish that some good old witch would tell me where it is. But then, if she located me anywhere but under your arm I would not believe a word she said. There is no other place for me, dearest, and I shall never be happy until I am there.

Still yours most sincerely.



SWEET LAVENDER

A pretty idea, to be followed out in a boudoir, is to have the drawers of the dressing table lined with quilted silk, between the folds of which sweet lavender flowers have been strewn in with the batting. Sofa pillows, filled with lavender, dried rose, geranium leaves, powdered, and balm, will render a downy boudoir couch a refreshing and delightful place of rest. Powdered orris root in the colored silk lining for the dainty dotted mull scarf that covers the dresser will diffuse a fresh and wholesome fragrance.

After the hands have been properly manicured, it is a good thing to fill the hollow of the palm with lilt d'iris and, after rubbing it well in, dry the hands with a soft linen cloth by very gentle application. The lilt d'iris is very soothing to the skin and whitens it, and is altogether an agreeable and excellent skin emollient.

Women of a past generation understood far better than their granddaughters do the art of preserving a beautiful complexion and of carrying into old age a Dresden china rosin.

WHY SHE LEFT.

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When the curtains have "hardened" sufficiently, take out the strips, one by one, placing them on the ironing sheet with the soft blanket underneath, and pressing them with a hot smooth iron, to bring out the pattern well. In this way each housekeeper may have her curtains satisfactorily kept in order, at the saving of a considerable expense and at the cost of very little trouble.

A Good Cup of Tea.

Nine out of ten women have yet to learn how to make a good cup of tea. English women understand the art of tea-making to perfection, and it would be well if American housewives would take a lesson from them.

These three rules are essential, and if followed to the letter the result will prove satisfactory.
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